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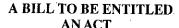
## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

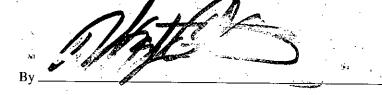
1	AN ACT
2	relating to student loan repayment assistance for speech-language
3	pathologists employed by a rural public school.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding
6	Subchapter EE to read as follows:
7	SUBCHAPTER EE. REPAYMENT OF CERTAIN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST
8	EDUCATION LOANS
9	Sec. 61.9751. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
LO	(1) "Public school" means a public preschool or
l1	primary or secondary school in this state.
12	(2) "Speech-language pathologist" means a person
13	licensed as a speech-language pathologist under Chapter 401,
14	Occupations Code.
15	Sec. 61.9752. REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED. The board
16	shall provide, in accordance with this subchapter and board rules,
17	assistance in the repayment of student loans for speech-language
18	pathologists who apply and qualify for assistance.
19	Sec. 61.9753. ELIGIBILITY. (a) To be eligible to receive
20	repayment assistance, a speech-language pathologist must:
21	(1) apply to the board; and
22	(2) at the time the speech-language pathologist
23	applies for the assistance, have been employed as a speech-language
2.4	nathologist for at least one year by and be currently employed

- 1 full-time by, a public school located in a rural community.
- 2 (b) The board by rule may provide for repayment assistance
- 3 on a pro rata basis for speech-language pathologists employed
- 4 part-time by a public school located in a rural community.
- 5 Sec. 61.9754. LIMITATION. (a) On qualifying for the
- 6 assistance, a speech-language pathologist may receive repayment
- 7 assistance grants for each year of employment by a public school
- 8 located in a rural community, not to exceed five years.
- 9 (b) The amount of repayment assistance grants that a
- speech-language pathologist may receive for each year of employment
- 11 by a public school located in a rural community may not exceed 20
- 12 percent of the speech-language pathologist's total principal
- amount of student loans.
- Sec. 61.9755. ELIGIBLE LOANS. (a) The board may provide
- 15 repayment assistance for the repayment of any student loan for
- 16 education at an institution of higher education, including loans
- 17 for undergraduate education, received by a speech-language
- 18 pathologist through any lender.
- (b) The board may not provide repayment assistance for a
- 20 student loan that is in default at the time of the speech-language
- 21 pathologist's application.
- (c) Each state fiscal biennium, the board shall attempt to
- 23 provide repayment assistance in amounts sufficient to use all the
- 24 money appropriated to the board for that biennium for the purpose of
- 25 providing repayment assistance under this subchapter.
- Sec. 61.9756. REPAYMENT. (a) The board shall deliver any
- 27 repayment made under this subchapter in a lump sum payable to the

- lender and the speech-language pathologist, in accordance with any
- 2 applicable federal law.
- 3 (b) A repayment made under this subchapter may be applied
- 4 only to the principal amount of the loan.
- 5 Sec. 61.9757. ADVISORY COMMITTEES. The board may appoint
- 6 advisory committees to assist the board in administering this
- 7 <u>subchapter</u>.
- 8 Sec. 61.9758. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS. The board may accept
- 9 gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of this subchapter.
- Sec. 61.9759. RULES. (a) The board shall adopt rules
- 11 necessary for the administration of this subchapter, including
- 12 rules relating to the definition of a rural community.
- (b) The board shall distribute a copy of the rules adopted
- 14 under this section and pertinent information regarding this
- 15 subchapter to:
- 16 (1) each institution of higher education;
- 17 (2) any appropriate state agency; and
- 18 (3) any appropriate professional association.
- 19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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